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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In connection with the above-identified application filed herewith, please enter the following preliminary amendment:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 21, with the following written paragraph:

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-- US Patent No. 5,527,263 to Zobel et al., is directed to a dual optical path stereo endoscope with simple optical adjustment. US Patent No. 5,776,049 to Takahashi, is directed to a "Stereo Endoscope in Stereo Endoscope Imaging Apparatus" and provides a device which utilizes a combination of two optical paths with two CCD units, capable of variable zoom. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 17, with the following written paragraph: